

REMARKS

With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, claim 1 has been amended to recite that each projection has a nominal length of 3/16 to 3/8 inch, and a nominal width of 1/8 to 3/16 inch. This comports with the written description requirement.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Taber ('950). However, anticipation requires that a single prior-art reference discloses *each and every element* of an invention as claimed. RCA Corp. v. Applied Digital Data Systems, 730 F.2d 1440, 1444, 221 USPQ 385, 388 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Claim 1 includes the limitation of a densely packed matrix of projections, "the density of the packing being such that the projections are immediately adjacent to one another, if not touching . . ." Taber does not disclose or even suggest such a limitation, such that anticipation is expressly precluded.

New claim 17 has been added, and the allowability of claim 4 is noted. Questions regarding this application can be directed to Applicant's below-signed representative at the telephone/facsimile numbers provided.

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